LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF LOUISIANA, OFFICE OF CONSERVATION, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA.

In accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, and with particular reference to the provisions of Title 30 of Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, a public hearing will be held in the Hearing Room, 1st Floor, LaSalle Building, 617 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 9:00 a.m., on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2002, upon the application of THE MERIDIAN RESOURCE & EXPLORATION, L.L.C.

At such hearing the Commissioner of Conservation will consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the **Operc C Sand, Reservoir A,** in the Ramos Field, St. Mary and Assumption Parishes, Louisiana.

- 1. To establish rules and regulations and create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate, such unit to be designated the OPERC C RA SUA.
- 2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed unit, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
- 3. To designate The Meridian Resource & Exploration, L.L.C. Avoca Inc 47 No. 1 Well as the unit well for the proposed unit.
- 4. To designate The Meridian Resource & Exploration, L.L.C. as the unit operator for the proposed unit.
- 5. To provide that any future wells drilled to the Operc C Sand, Reservoir A, should be located in accordance with the spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E.
- 6. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation should be authorize to reclassify the Operc C Sand, Reservoir A, by supplemental order without the necessity of a public hearing if the producing characteristics of the reservoir change and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation.
- 7. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Operc C Sand, in the Ramos Field, St. Mary and Assumption Parishes, Louisiana, is hereby defined as the gas and condensate bearing sand encountered between the depths of 19,230' and 19,304' (ELM) in the The Meridian Resource & Exploration, L.L.C. - Avoca Inc 47 No. 1 Well, the bottom hole of which is located in Section 47, Township 16 South, Range 13 East.

A plat is available for inspection in the Office of Conservation in **Baton Rouge** and **Lafayette**, Louisiana or may be found at the following site: www.dnr.state.la.us/CONS/CONSEREN/hearings/pubhearings.htm.

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All parties having interest therein shall take notice thereof.

BY ORDER OF:

JAMES H. WELSH COMMISSIONER OF CONSERVATION

Baton Rouge, La 10/9/02;10/12/02 L dpe

IF ACCOMMODATIONS ARE REQUIRED UNDER AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PLEASE ADVISE THE OFFICE OF CONSERVATION - ENGINEERING DIVISION ATP. O. BOX 94275, BATON ROUGE, LA 70804-9275 IN WRITING WITHIN TEN (10) WORKING DAYS OF THE HEARING DATE.